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TO: Development Review Board
FROM: Scott Gustin
DATE: January 5, 2016
RE: 16-0613CA; 79 Industrial Parkway

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Zone: ELM Ward: 5S

Owner/Applicant: Zoo Holdings / Bob Marquis

Request: 5-Year tree maintenance plan

Applicable Regulations:

Article 5 (Citywide General Regulations)

Background Information:

The applicant is seeking approval of a Tree Maintenance Plan per Sec. 5.5.4, *Tree Removal*, of the Comprehensive Development Ordinance. This section allows property owners to address tree removal and maintenance on their property in 5-year increments without the need for separate zoning permits for each individual tree removal project.

Recommendation: Certificate of appropriateness approval as per, and subject to, the following findings and conditions:

I. Findings

Sec. 5.5.4, Tree Removal:

(a) Review criteria for zoning permit requests for tree removal

See (b) below.

(b) Tree Maintenance Plans

1. A Tree Maintenance Plan prepared by a certified arborist shall be submitted as a Level I Certificate of Appropriateness... This plan shall include general and specific criteria for removing trees based on the criteria as per Sec. 5.5.4 (a).

The proposed Tree Maintenance Plan has been jointly prepared by a consulting forester and a certified arborist as required. The plan focuses on a small area (0.09 acre) of trees to be cleared on the ~5 acre property. The proposed tree maintenance plan touches on the criteria of Sec. 5.5.4 (a) as required. Specifically, the trees to be removed are generally diseased and/or represent a danger to the nearby building and related access points. Trees will be removed from this 0.09 acre area, the site will be stabilized, and eight 4' tall new evergreens (red spruce, balsam fir, or hemlock) will

be installed to mitigate loss of visual screening from neighboring residences. The location of these new trees is not indicated and must be. **(Affirmative finding as conditioned)**

2. The Tree Maintenance Plan if approved...

This Tree Maintenance Plan is valid for 5 years. **(Affirmative finding as conditioned)**

3. In order to continue tree removal...

For ongoing tree removal on the subject lands beyond the initial approval, the Tree Maintenance Plan must be updated or re-written and approved by the DRB at 5 year intervals. **(Affirmative finding as conditioned)**

II. Conditions of Approval

1. This tree maintenance plan is valid for a period of 5-years from the date of approval. For ongoing tree removal on the subject lands beyond the initial approval, the Tree Maintenance Plan must be updated or re-written and approved by the DRB at 5 year intervals.
2. The location of the eight new evergreens shall be depicted on the tree maintenance map.